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SUBJECT: PRC ECONOMY: STATISTICAL NOTES

1. TO MEET THE NEED OF ANALYSTS FOR "HARD" DATA ON THE PRC ECONOMY IN STREAMLINED FORM, WE ARE INSTITUTING, ON A TRIAL BASIS, A BI-WEEKLY SERIES OF STATISTICAL NOTES. THIS REPORT WILL SERVE AS THE INITIAL CONTRIBUTION IN THE SERIES. ADDRESSEES' COMMENTS ON THE USEFULNESS OF THE REPORT WILL BE APPRECIATED.

2. PROVINCIAL INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION
KWEICHOW: ANNUAL PLAN (A.P.) FULFILLED 50 DAYS IN ADVANCE; PRODUCTION UP 8.2 PERCENT OVER BEST YEAR 1975, UP 23.3 PERCENT OVER 1976 (CNS KWEIYANG, NOV. 19).
CHEKIANG: 92 PERCENT OF A.P. COMPLETED BY END OCTOBER. (HANGCHOW PROVINCIAL SERVICE, NOV. 12).
SHENSI: 86.5 PERCENT OF A.P. COMPLETED BY END OCTOBER; PRODUCTION UP 14.8 PERCENT OVER SAME 1976 PERIOD (SIAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE, NOV. 9).
YUNNAN: 86.2 PERCENT OF A.P. COMPLETED BY END
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SEPTEMBER; PRODUCTION UP 38.6 PERCENT OVER SAME 1976 PERIOD (CNS KUNMING, NOV. 14).
SZECHWAN: BY END SEPTEMBER, PRODUCTION UP 28.7 PERCENT OVER SAME 1976 PERIOD (NCNA CHENGTU, OCT. 10).
SHANTUNG: OVER 78 PERCENT OF A.P. COMPLETED BY END SEPTEMBER; PRODUCTION UP 20 PERCENT OVER SAME 1976 PERIOD (TSINAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE, OCT. 6).

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SHANSI: OVER 81.1 PERCENT OF A.P. COMPLETED BY END SEPTEMBER; PRODUCTION UP 20.9 PERCENT OVER SAME 1976 PERIOD (TAIYUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE, NOV. 4).

KWANGTUNG: BY END SEPTEMBER, PRODUCTION UP 8.86 PERCENT OVER SAME 1976 PERIOD (H.K. TA KUNG PAO, OCT. 17).

KWANGSI: BY END SEPTEMBER, PRODUCTION UP 14.2 PERCENT OVER SAME 1976 PERIOD (NANNING PROVINCIAL SERVICE, OCT. 15).

HUNAN: 95.4 PERCENT OF A.P. COMPLETED BY END OCTOBER (CHANGSHA PROVINCIAL SERVICE, NOV. 6).

KIANGSU: 76.3 PERCENT OF A.P. COMPLETED BY END SEPTEMBER; PRODUCTION UP 16.5 PERCENT OVER SAME 1976 03489$ (NANKING PROVINCIAL SERVICE, OCT. 1).

FUKIEN: BY END SEPTEMBER, PRODUCTION UP 17.5 PERCENT OVER SAME 1976 PERIOD (NCNA FOOCHOW, OCT. 22).

KIANGSI: 79.7 PERCENT OF A.P. COMPLETED BY END SEPTEMBER (CNS NANCHANG, NOV. 11).

3. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS. SMALL-SCALE CEMENT PLANTS FULFILLED ANNUAL PLAN 60 DAYS IN ADVANCE; PRODUCTION UP 22 PERCENT OVER SAME 1976 PERIOD (NCNA PEKING, NOV. 16). N.B.: IN 1975, SMALL-SCALE PLANTS ACCOUNTED FOR 58.8 PERCENT OF NATIONAL OUTPUT.

4. PETROLEUM. PRC SHIPMENTS OF AVIATION FUEL TO HONG KONG: 1975 - 1.08 MILLION GALLONS; 1976 - 21.0 MILLION

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GALLONS; JANUARY-JUNE, 1977 - 15.0 MILLION GALLONS. VALUE OF PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SHIPPED TO HONG KONG JANUARY-SEPTEMBER, 1977 TOTALED HK$315.4 MILLION, UP 56.6 PERCENT OVER SAME 1976 PERIOD (H.K. WEN WEI PAO, NOV. 12). NOTE: EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATION, JANUARY-SEPTEMBER, US$1 EQUAL 4.698-4.631.

5. IRON AND STEEL. THE OCTOBER MONTHLY OUTPUT OF IRON AND STEEL WAS THE HIGHEST EVER RECORDED (NCNA PEKING, NOV. 9).

6. COAL. HONAN FULFILLED 91.2 PERCENT OF IT ANNUAL PRODUCTION PLAN BY END OCTOBER; PRODUCTION UP 44 PERCENT OVER SAME 1976 PERIOD. (HONAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE, NOV. 2). AS OF SEPTEMBER 20, HOPEI PRODUCED 2.18 MILLION TONS OF ORDINARY COAL AND 500,000 TONS OF DRESSED COAL OVER TARGET (HOPEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE, SEPT. 28).

HUPEI FULFILLED 82.8 PERCENT OF ITS ANNUAL PRODUCTION PLAN BY END SEPTEMBER; PRODUCTION UP 21 PERCENT OVER SAME 1976 PERIOD (PEOPLE'S DAILY, NOV. 2).

SHANTUNG ANNUAL PLAN FULFILLED 43 DAYS IN ADVANCE; PRODUCTION FOR JANUARY-MID-OCTOBER UP 11.8 PERCENT OVER SAME 1976 PERIOD (NCNA TSINAN, NOV. 30).

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SHENSI FULFILLED ANNUAL PRODUCTION PLAN BY MID-OCTOBER; PRODUCTION FOR JANUARY-MID-OCTOBER UP 14 PERCENT OVER SAME 1976 PERIOD (PEOPLE'S DAILY, NOV. 6).

SZECHWAN FULFILLED ANNUAL PLAN ON NOV. 6; PRODUCTION FOR JANUARY-NOVEMBER UP 21.9 PERCENT OVER SAME 1976 PERIOD (NCNA CHENGTU, NOV. 11).

TSINGHAI FULFILLED 77 PERCENT OF ANNUAL PLAN BY END SEPTEMBER; PRODUCTION UP 18 PERCENT OVER SAME 1976 PERIOD (SZECHWAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE, NOV. 3).

PRODUCTION IN YUNNAN, JANUARY-AUGUST UP 11.3 PERCENT OVER SAME PERIOD 1976 (CNS KUNMING, OCT. 27).

7. TRANSPORT. HIGHWAY MILEAGE HAS INCREASED TENFOLD SINCE THE EARLY POST-LIBERATION PERIOD (PEOPLE'S DAILY,
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NOV. 6).

8. LIGHT INDUSTRY. THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY ACHIEVED AN AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF GROWTH OF 12.5 PERCENT DURING THE FIRST FIVE-YEAR PLAN (PEOPLE'S DAILY, OCT. 28).

9. FARMLAND IMPROVEMENT.

DURING THE PERIOD 1970-76, AN AVERAGE OF 5.3 MILLION HECTARES OF FIELDS WERE LEVELED, 600,000 HECTARES OF MOUNTAIN SLOPE LAND TRANSFORMED AND 1.6 MILLION HECTARES BROUGHT UNDER IRRIGATION ANNUALLY (NCNA, NOV. 17).

THE COMBINED CAPACITY OF ELECTRIC IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE FACILITIES IN CHINA HAS REACHED SOME 47 MILLION H.P., OR MORE THAN FIVE TIMES THAT IN 1965 (PEKING MANDARIN TO S.E. ASIA, NOV. 13).

CURRENTLY THERE ARE ABOUT 20,000 FULL-TIME FARMLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAMS TOTALING SOME 15 MILLION PERSONS, AT THE COUNTY, COMMUNE AND PRODUCTION BRIGADE LEVELS (NCNA, NOV. 17).

10. FARM MACHINERY. 98 PERCENT OF THE COUNTIES IN CHINA HAVE AT LEAST ONE FARM MACHINERY PLANT, AS HAVE 90 PERCENT OF THE COMMUNES (NCNA, NOV. 26).

11. GRAINS. THE STATE STANDARD FOR THE RATE OF SPOILAGE OF GRAIN IN STORAGE IS 0.2 PERCENT (NCNA, NOV. 11).

THE AVERAGE YIELD OF GRAIN IN HSIYANG COUNTY (SITE OF TACHAI) INCREASED FROM 830 CATTIES/MOU IN 1976 TO OVER 900 CATTIES/MOU IN 1977. TOTAL PRODUCTION INCREASED FROM 304.5 MILLION CATTIES IN 1976 TO 330 MILLION CATTIES IN 1977 (NCNA TAIYUAN, NOV. 29).

12. SAVINGS DEPOSITS. BY THE END OF JUNE, NATIONAL
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URBAN SAVINGS DEPOSITS HAD RISEN 7.2 PERCENT OVER THE DECEMBER, 1976 LEVEL. THE GROWTH RATE DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WAS THE HIGHEST EVER RECORDED FOR THE JANUARY-JUNE PERIOD (NCNA PEKING, JULY 21).

13. POPULATION. CHINA'S POPULATION HAS INCREASED BY OVER 60 PERCENT, BUT GRAIN PRODUCTION HAS INCREASED BY OVER 150 PERCENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE EARLY POST-LIBERATION PERIOD (PEKING DOMESTIC SERVICE, NOV. 5).
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